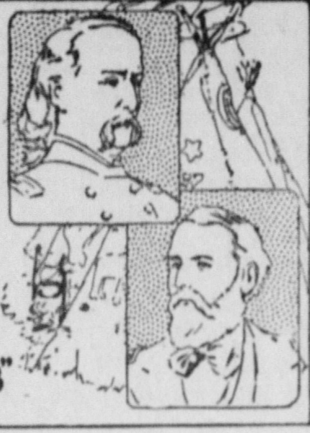


TWO FAMOUS INDIAN FIGHTERS BY BUFFALO BILL

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MY first meeting with General George A. Custer was when I was a scout in the department of the Missouri, in the spring of 1867. At this time General Custer's regiment, the Seventh Cavalry, United States Army, was at Fort Larned, on Pawnee fork, near the Arkansas river.

One evening the general arrived at Fort Hays from Fort Harker. He had with him only two officers and three orderlies. The general told Captain Ovenshine, who was in command of Fort Hays at the time, that he wished to leave Fort Hays the next morning at daylight to join his regiment and wanted a guide who knew the country, one that would make no mistake, well mounted, to guide him to Fort Larned. Captain Ovenshine sent for me and told me to be ready sharp at daylight.

It is really quite a horse you are riding there."

"Oh, he isn't warmed up yet, general," I said. "He doesn't go good until he gets his second wind."

By this time the mule was really beginning to show his staying qualities over the Kentucky horse that the general was riding, and the general could not keep up. But the general would not give up, and we went on mile after mile through the sand hills until finally I had actually to wait on the general a little. Every once in awhile the general would remark about that mule. But we went on, and the general still would not give in. We continued going until we got within about fifteen miles of Fort Larned. Here we stopped on a hill to wait for the officers and orderlies to overtake us. When they got up I showed the general a depression in the sand hills and told him that that was the Pawnee fork creek and that all we had to do was to follow the creek down and we would come to the fort.

"Now, general," I said, "if you have any urgent dispatches that you want taken to your commanding officer, if you will give them to me I will take them on and have them delivered to him. You cannot help but find your way."

"Ah," he said, "you are kidding me about what I said in regard to that mule. Well," turning to one of the officers, "you bring the escort in. Follow the direction we are going, and I will go on with Cody."

And we started, I giving him as lively a ride as his horse could stand until we reached the fort. That night the general's horse died. The next morning at guard mount I rode up to the headquarters of Fort Larned, which was commanded by Captain Daininger-Parker, with whom the general was stopping, and reported to him. I said that if he had no further use for me I would return to my own fort and that if he had any dispatches he wanted taken back to Fort Hays I would take them, as I expected to get there in eight hours on the same mule.

He laughed and said, "Well, I will never say anything against a mule again."



The mule would get ahead of the horses, to go with General Custer, and that he wanted me to have the best mule there was at the post. At that time the horses at the fort were pretty well run down from many chases after Indians, but I was riding and had at the time as good a long distance horse as I have ever known, and he was a mule. The general himself was riding a Kentucky thoroughbred.

At daylight I rode up to the commanding officer's quarters, and Captain Ovenshine introduced me for the first time to General Custer. The general, seeing that I was mounted on a mule, said to Captain Ovenshine:

"Captain, I haven't got time to dilly dally along the road with a mule. I see that my guide here is mounted on a mule. I want him to have a horse, and a good one."

I said, "General, this is the best horse at the fort, and I assure you that he won't be much behind you when you reach Fort Larned."

The captain explained to the general that the horses were in pretty bad condition at the fort and that he had heard me brag so much about that mule that he felt quite sure that the best was all right.

The general seemed a little displeased and said, "Well, if that is the best you have I will have to put up with it."

We mounted and started out on the road. For the first fifteen miles to Smoky Hill river there was a good wagon road, and as we rode along the general asked me numerous questions in regard to the country and the Indians, and thus we talked along mile after mile. But the general was going at a pretty rapid gait, and my mule was not very speedy on the start, but I knew he would finish all right. So when the general was not looking I would put the spurs to the mule a little to wake him up. However, I kept alongside of the general until I got to Smoky Hill river. I noticed that the old mule was not panting much, but the horses were.

I told the general that this would be the last water for forty-five miles until we got near Larned; that it would be best to water the horses there, and if the men required any water they had better fill up their canteens, which they did.

From this point we struck into the sand hills, leaving all roads. It was pretty sandy and pretty heavy traveling for horse or mule, but I made up my mind that I would show the general from there on that I had spoken the truth about the mule. So when the general was not looking at me I would put the spurs to him, and as he would lunge ahead I would say:

"Whoo, there! Take it easy, old fellow. Don't get so fretting!"

We went on like that for a mile or so. The mule would get ahead of the horses, and whenever the general wasn't looking I would spur him, and as the mule would forge ahead I would pat him to calm him down.

Finally the general remarked, "That

as usual. Next day the Indians were followed, and skirmishing was kept up incessantly. Lieutenant Schenofsky on that occasion came near being ambushed and had a few men killed. This continuous skirmishing was kept up for three days, with myself almost continuously in the saddle, and while we were in front the general sounded the officers' call for consultation. I will permit General Carr to tell the story of an affair in which he punished the Indians severely, while the story relates also to my connection with the matter:

"I had heard some firing in front, where the advance guard had gone out of sight. My orders were for the advance guard to regulate on the main column and always keep in sight of it, but as Major Babcock and Lieutenant W. P. Hall, now General Hall, were so ambitious and anxious for a fight I thought I would give them a chance, and so I let them alone. After hasty consultation regarding lack of supplies I sent a bugler to recall the advance guard. He came back saying he could not reach them, as they were surrounded by Indians. The Indians had got into four ravines which headed near the trail, two on each side. The half dozen led the advance on with insulting gestures and defiant words (some could speak and swear in English), and when they came between the ravines the whole poured out around them. Babcock dismounted his men and formed them in a circle and stood the Indians off. I sent Lieutenant Brady with the next company to open communications, and the Indians, supposing the whole command was coming, went on as before.

"Reaching the scene, we could see the Indians scattering in retreat. A figure with apparently a red cap rose slowly on the hill. For an instant I puzzled me, as it wore a buckskin and had long hair. But on seeing the horse I recognized that it was Cody's Powder Face and saw that it was 'Buffalo Bill' without his broad brimmed sombrero. On closer inspection I saw that his head was swathed in a bloody handkerchief, which served not only as a temporary bandage, but as a chapeau, his hat having been shot off, the bullet plowing his scalp badly for about five inches. It had ridged along the bone and was bleeding profusely, a very close call, but a lucky escape. However, it would not do to turn back immediately after such impudence, so I took to the gallop and ran them for twelve miles to and across the Republican and up the bluffs on the south side, where they acted in their usual aggravating style by scattering in every direction after dropping a good deal of plunder. We could see them on the distant hill, but could not catch them under the circumstances or without means of some counter strategic cunning, so we went back and camped north of the Republican. The advance guard had been relieved and the Indians severely punished, with a loss on our side of but four or five killed and a few wounded, this with Babcock's horse wounded and Cody's narrow escape as the resulting casualties. The object of the campaign was nearly accomplished, but our greatest need was supplies, which the hot trail had sidetracked in the excitement of the necessary pursuit of the defiant foe. As the country was infested with Indians and it was fifty miles to the nearest supply point, Fort Kearny, on consultation with Cody he decided that it would be best to undertake the job himself, a point characteristic of him, as he never shirked duty or faltered in emergencies. I gave him the best

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In 1868 I first met him when I was a scout for Colonel Royal's command, whom he succeeded. It has been the pride of my career that, being an officer of such wide experience and ability, I secured his esteem and friendship, and in his writings he has been very generous in alluding to my services. I had the honor of serving with him in many trying campaigns, notably in that which culminated in his success over Tall Bull, who had long been the terror of the plains with what is known as the "dog soldiers," who were renegades recruited from a dozen disappointed tribes and were composed of the most vicious, fanatical Indians who were opposed to the white man's intrusion in the west. The depredations were of a terrifying nature, and Carr was delegated to punish them at all hazards. Their continuous pursuit for many months was a very trying one, as they employed the Indians' methods of annoyance in attack by safely scattering when hard pressed. Knowing that only strategic cunning could eventually effect subjugation or dispersal, General Carr proved by his persistent energy and strategy that he was equal to the situation. It was during the continuous pursuit of these warriors that I met one of my closest calls in an incidental fight which occurred at a point called Elephant rock. It was in the spring of 1869 that we reached Elephant rock, which is a point on a rock on the south side of Beaver valley, where I found an Indian trail going down the Beaver, and, following it, the command went into camp. The general ordered Lieutenant Ward to follow it, I being already on the scene. I was keeping the Indians in sight while covering my presence from them, when somewhat to the left, almost parallel with them, I heard firing, and I afterward ascertained that Lieutenant Ward was in a skirmish so premature that at one time it threatened to cut me off.

General Carr left the command under Major Brown to follow with the wagons, and the Indians, skirmishing with great daring, put up a game fight. General Carr followed them until nearly dark and returned to meet and protect the wagons. Forming his men in a hollow square, he made an orderly retreat, the Indians showing great pertinacity in their skirmish tactics, so much so that the general got a bullet through the scabbard of his saber. Meeting the wagons and getting into a good position, he went into camp, but the Indians stayed around all night, emitting the cries of owls and coyotes,

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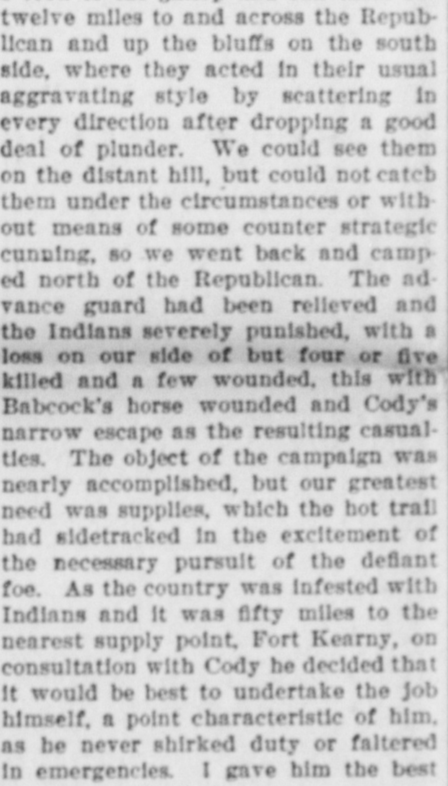
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THURS. MARCH 18—1/4 mile north of Homola, Curtin twp., Peter Roth, Jr., will sell 13 horses, 6 cows, some fresh by time of sale, 2 heifers, 1 short-horn bull, 3 two-year-old steers, 4 one-year-old steers, and a complete line of farming implements and household goods. Sale at 10 a. m. D. P. Wentzel, auct.

THURSDAY, MARCH 18—One-fourth mile south of State College, J. M. Kramer will sell live stock and farming implements and some household goods.

THURSDAY, MARCH 18—1/4 mile west of State College, Fred W. Krumrine will sell 3 work horses, 7 milch cows, 1 heifer, 2 brood sows, 11 shoats, and a full line of farm implements. Sale at 10 a. m. L. Frank Mayes, auct.

THURSDAY, MARCH 18—On his farm at Pleasant Gap, W. H. Noll, Jr. & Bro. will sell 3 work horses, 1 span of good young mules, 5 milch cows, 5 heifers—fresh by time of sale, 5 head of young cattle, 30 head of sheep, and a full line of farm implements, including brood sows and sleds. Sale at 10:30 a. m. A. C. McClellan, auct.

THURSDAY, MARCH 18—On the Geo. Weymouth farm, 1/2 mile southeast of Salona, W. C. Karschner will sell horses, cows and farming implements.

THURSDAY, MARCH 18—At G. F. Emerick's, 2/3 mile east of Centre Hall, will be sold horses and full line of live stock and farm implements. Sale at 10 a. m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 19—Near Howardboro, Burdine Butler will sell the following: 2 good horses, 1 stallion, 5 colts, 2 cows, 8 head young cattle, 8 sheep, one an excellent Shropshire ram, and a full line of farm implements. Sale at 11 a. m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 19—One mile south of Fillmore, Eben Crust will sell horses, cattle, sheep, hogs, corn and seed oats. Sale at 10 a. m. Frank Mayes, auct.

SATURDAY, MARCH 20—On the farm of the late Wm. Foster, 1/2 mile south of State College, T. H. and W. L. Foster will sell 7 horses, 2 colts and a full line of farming implements as good as new. Sale at 1 o'clock.

SATURDAY, MARCH 20—1/4 mile north of Hubersburg, along the road leading to Howard, J. H. Best will sell 1 horse, 3 milch cows, 2 head of young cattle, and a full line of farm implements and household goods. Sale at 1 p. m. A. C. McClellan, auct.

SATURDAY, MARCH 20—1/4 mile west of Spring Mills, along the Penns Creek road, S. M. Long will sell 4 work horses, 2 black mares, 1 colt, 6 milch cows, 11 young cattle, 3 brood sows, 7 shoats, and a full line of farm implements and some household goods. Sale at 10 a. m.

MONDAY, MARCH 22—Two miles north of Pine Grove Mills, W. H. Goss will sell live stock and full line of farm implements. Sale at 10 a. m. L. Frank Mayes, auct.

MONDAY, MARCH 22—At Smulton, Centre county, the administrators of the late Heuben Sams will sell live stock, farming implements and some household good. Sale at 10 o'clock.

MONDAY, MARCH 22—1/4 mile west of Furst Bros. store at Cedar Springs, Mrs. T. J. Fox will sell 3 horses, 1 3-yr-old colt, 7 cows, 5 young cattle, 1 year-old short-horn bull, 9 sheep, and a full line of farm implements. Sale at 10 a. m. A. C. McClellan, auct.

TUESDAY, MARCH 23—1/4 mile west of Spring Mills, along the Sinking Creek road, M. E. Grenoble will sell farm stock and implements.

TUESDAY, MARCH 23—At his residence, 1 mile west of State College, Dan Tredehn will sell 5 horses, including iron grey team; 6 milch cows, 7 young cattle, 2 ewes, 11 shoats, 2 brood sows, and a full line of farm implements. Sale at 10 a. m. W. F. Smith, auct.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24—2 1/2 miles west of Millheim, along the Pike, W. A. Stover will sell all farm stock, horses, cattle and implements. Sale at 10 a. m. W. F. Smith, auct.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24—At Krumrine Station, 1 mile northwest of State College, John W. Hillier will sell live stock and farm implements. Sale at 10 a. m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24—On his premises in the east end of Nittany valley, Jared C. Barber will sell live stock, farming implements and household goods. Sale at 10 a. m. A. C. McClellan, auct.

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